



The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is undertaking a planning study to develop and evaluate alternatives for the improvement of KY 32 between KY 504 near Elliottville in Rowan County and KY 7 near Newfoundland in Elliott County. The planning study will (1) analyze existing conditions (including transportation, environmental, geotechnical, and socioeconomic issues), (2) estimate future travel conditions, and (3) identify and evaluate alternatives for the proposed project. Throughout the planning study, comments, concerns, suggestions, and insight from the public and local officials will be documented and considered.

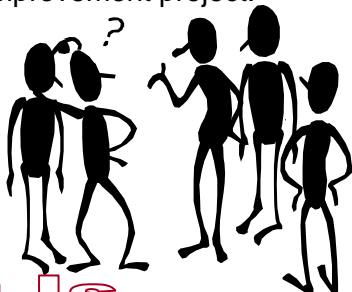
PRELIMINARY PROJECT GOALS

A purpose and need statement provides the foundation for successful decision making. This statement is based on the project goals, which evolve throughout the study process. Analysis of existing and future conditions and input from elected officials, project stakeholders, the public, and resource agencies provide information to better understand and describe the goals and issues for this project.

The primary purpose of the proposed KY 32 project is to **improve highway access and safety from Sandy Hook, Elliott County, and southeastern Kentucky to businesses, medical facilities, post-secondary education facilities, other services and attractions, and I-64 at Morehead.** As this occurs, other project goals can also be addressed, including...

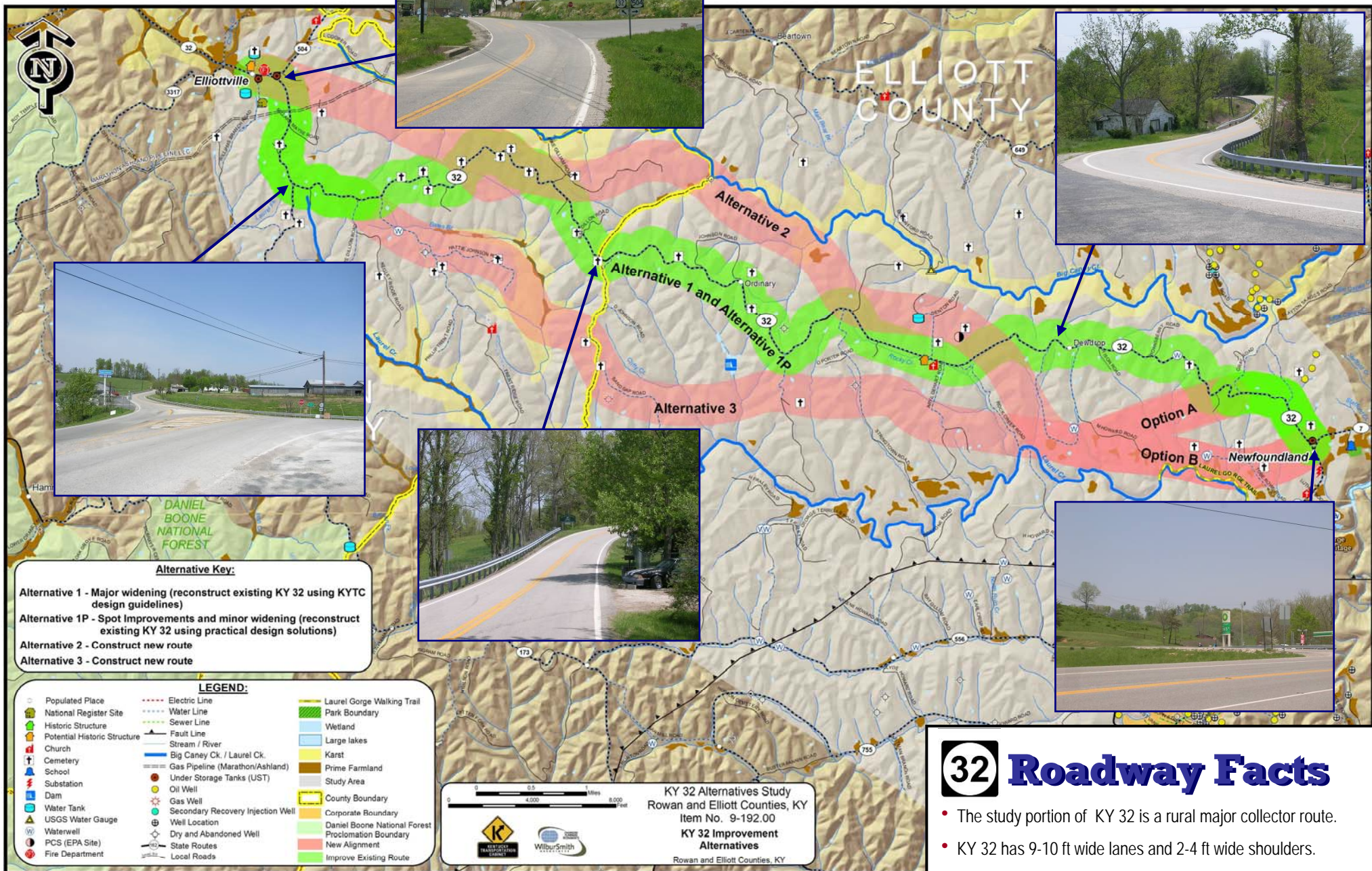
- **Support, preserve, or enhance economic opportunities.** Improved access for Little Sandy Correctional Complex, existing businesses and commercial or professional services, locally-based city, county, state, and federal government services or other public services, and potential new businesses, services, or attractions.
- **Support, preserve, or enhance tourism.** Improved access to Laurel Gorge and Grayson Lake, as well as for agritourism, ecotourism, local arts and crafts, scenic tours, and motorcycle tours and rallies.
- **Incorporate context sensitive design features** as appropriate to preserve and/or complement the existing character and context of the KY 32 study area.

One round of meetings with local officials, stakeholders, and the public and a coordination effort with resource agencies was conducted at the beginning of the study in June and July of 2008 to provide information and solicit input. A second round of outreach is underway to present study findings and proposed alternatives. The KYTC needs the help of local officials, stakeholders, the public, and resource agencies again to develop recommendations for the proposed KY 32 improvement project.



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32 Roadway Facts

- The study portion of KY 32 is a rural major collector route.
- KY 32 has 9-10 ft wide lanes and 2-4 ft wide shoulders.
- 48 crashes were reported along the study portion of KY 32 between March 2004 and December 2007
- The posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour.